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		2001-085407	03/30/01	JAPAN			ABSTRACT
		2002-023390	01/23/02	JAPAN			ABSTRACT
		2001-110711	04/20/01	JAPAN			ABSTRACT

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	
	TSURUMUNE, A. et al., "Observation Device, Ultraviolet Microscope and Observation Method", Application No. 10/133,626, filed on April 29, 2002.
	ITO, S. et al., "Manufacturing System in Electronic Devices", Application No.: 10/092,486, filed on March 8, 2002.
	TAKAHASHI, R. et al., "Method For Forming a Pattern", Application No. 10/075,619, filed on February 15, 2002.
	ITO, S. et al., "Pattern Forming Method", Application No.: 10/411,148, filed on April 11, 2003.
	HAYASAKI, K. et al., "Substrate Treating Method, Substrate-Processing Apparatus, Developing Method, Method Of Manufacturing A Semiconductor Device, And Method Of Cleaning A Developing Solution Nozzle", Application No. 10/351,422, filed on January 27, 2003

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and indicate that they were considered by making an appropriate notation on this form. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

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The following is listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and is in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2001-085407- discloses a method to correct the critical dimension of a resist pattern. It is corrected by ashing process using ozone irradiated by UV light.
2. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-023390 - discloses a method of slimming a resist pattern. A resist pattern is slimmed by oxygen radical generated from ozone using UV light.
3. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2001-110711 - discloses a method of removing a resist pattern. A resist pattern is oxidized and removed by super critical water.

Also, an English-language abstract of each document is enclosed.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents. Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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